Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 04 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 05 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 03 Apr 2021 at 10:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the marked transition to much colder conditions from later Sunday. Lower for forecast details from Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 04 Apr 2021: Widespread gales, extensive low cloud and heavy snowfall later. Becoming bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Mist	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	10%	30%	50%	70%	60%	90%	90%

Forecast for Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Weather: Areas of low cloud along the west coast will thicken and spread inland through the early hours with patchy rain or sleet developing by dawn. Bands of rain (sleet and snow above around 800m) will spread southwards through the day, turning heavier through afternoon and bringing blizzard conditions on towards munro level. Temperatures falling markedly through evening along with further heavy snow, this falling to all levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10-20%.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above 400-600m largely extensive although a few breaks are possible between rain bands and through morning across eastern ranges. Below this, rain will turn lower slopes hazy at times and down to a few kilometres in heavier bursts. Snowfall bringing blizzard conditions to higher ground all day and increasingly to low levels through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	24/29 SW	31/37 SW	36/45 SW	44/56 SW	50/65 W	53/69 W	40/54 NW	41/55 NW	42/57 NW
900	23/27 SW	29/36 SW	35/43 SW	42/54 SW	48/63 W	51/67 W	39/53 NW	40/54 NW	40/55 NW
600	15/19 SW	20/26 SW	24/33 SW	30/43 SW	34/49 W	36/52 W	29/42 NW	29/43 NW	29/44 NW
300	3/17 SW	6/25 SW	8/30 SW	13/40 SW	16/47 W	18/51 W	16/42 NW	16/42 NW	16/43 NW
Glen	3/10 SW	6/15 SW	9/20 SW	17/31 SW	20/39 W	24/44 W	21/38 NW	22/41 N	22/42 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-7	-2/-11	-2/-11	-0/-10	-0/-10	-1/-11	-4/-15	-8/-21	-11/-24
900	0/-6	-2/-10	-1/-10	0/-9	1/-8	0/-10	-4/-14	-8/-19	-10/-23
600	1/-4	0/-6	1/-6	2/-5	3/-4	2/-5	-1/-9	-5/-15	-7/-18
300	2/0	2/-1	2/-1	4/-0	6/2	5/0	1/-5	-3/-9	-5/-12
Glen	4/2	4/2	5/2	6/2	8/4	7/2	4/-2	0/-6	-1/-9
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	700m	900m	1000m	900m	300m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note freezing level will fall sharply through evening allowing snow to fall to all levels. Winds may be closer to 80mph across highest/most exposed ground through afternoon.

Forecast for Monday 05 Apr 2021

Weather: A northerly airflow will maintain bitterly cold conditions with frequent snow showers and some fleeting sunny breaks between. Snow falling to all levels with significant drifting likely in the gale to severe gale force winds.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 35-45mph gusting 60-70mph, easing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%

Visibility: Snow showers will bring blizzards to all levels leading visibility to fall to almost zero at times with a risk of disorientation. Low cloud will accompany showers, often down to 100-300m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 to minus 3C, rising to around zero through the day, perhaps 2 or 3C near coasts.
At 800m: Minus 7.
Freezing level: At all levels.

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